and regulations governing the administration of prisons and the management of prisoners all over the country. It also prescribes segregation of various categories of prisoners and spells out the minimum standards required for the care, protection, treatment, education, training and rehabilitation of incarcerated offenders. It also prescribes security measures in jails.

Proliferation of small arms in the country

1143. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the proliferation of small arms in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of the new firearm licenses issued during last three years alongwith details of the pending applications for licenses;

(c) which are the States that have shown higher rate of growth in this regard;

(d) whether Government have assessed the reason for increase in the demands for firearms license;

(e) what steps are being taken to stop the proliferation of unlicensed firearms; and

(f) whether Government propose to strengthen the guidelines to the relevant licence issuing authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) A strict legal and administrative regime is in place to control proliferation of small arms.

(b) to (d) The Central Government issues new firearm licences for Prohibited Bore weapons, while licences for Non-Prohibited Bore weapons are issued by the respective State/UT Governments. Details of new firearm licences for the Prohibited Bore weapons issued during the last three years, State-wise, are as under:-

2004 — 14 (Andhra Pradesh-2, Delhi-3, Haryana-l, Jharkhand-1, Kerala-1, Manipur-3, Punjab-2, UP-I)

2005 — 18 (Delhi-12, Haryana-1, Manipur-1, MP-1, Punjab-1, UP-2)

2006 — 4 (Delhi-2, J&K-l, Maharashtra-1)

No application for prohibited bore licences is pending at present.

(e) The Central Government has initiated several measures to check proliferation of illicit arms in the country. The State and UT Governments have been directed to identify the areas where illegal arms and ammunition have been rampant, and to make sustained and continued efforts to check them. Regular meetings are organized with representatives from the State Police for better coordination in this regard. The Central Government has also initiated several steps such as fencing along the international borders, deployment of Security forces along the borders etc. to check the in flow of arms from across the borders.

(0 At present, there is no such proposal with the Government.